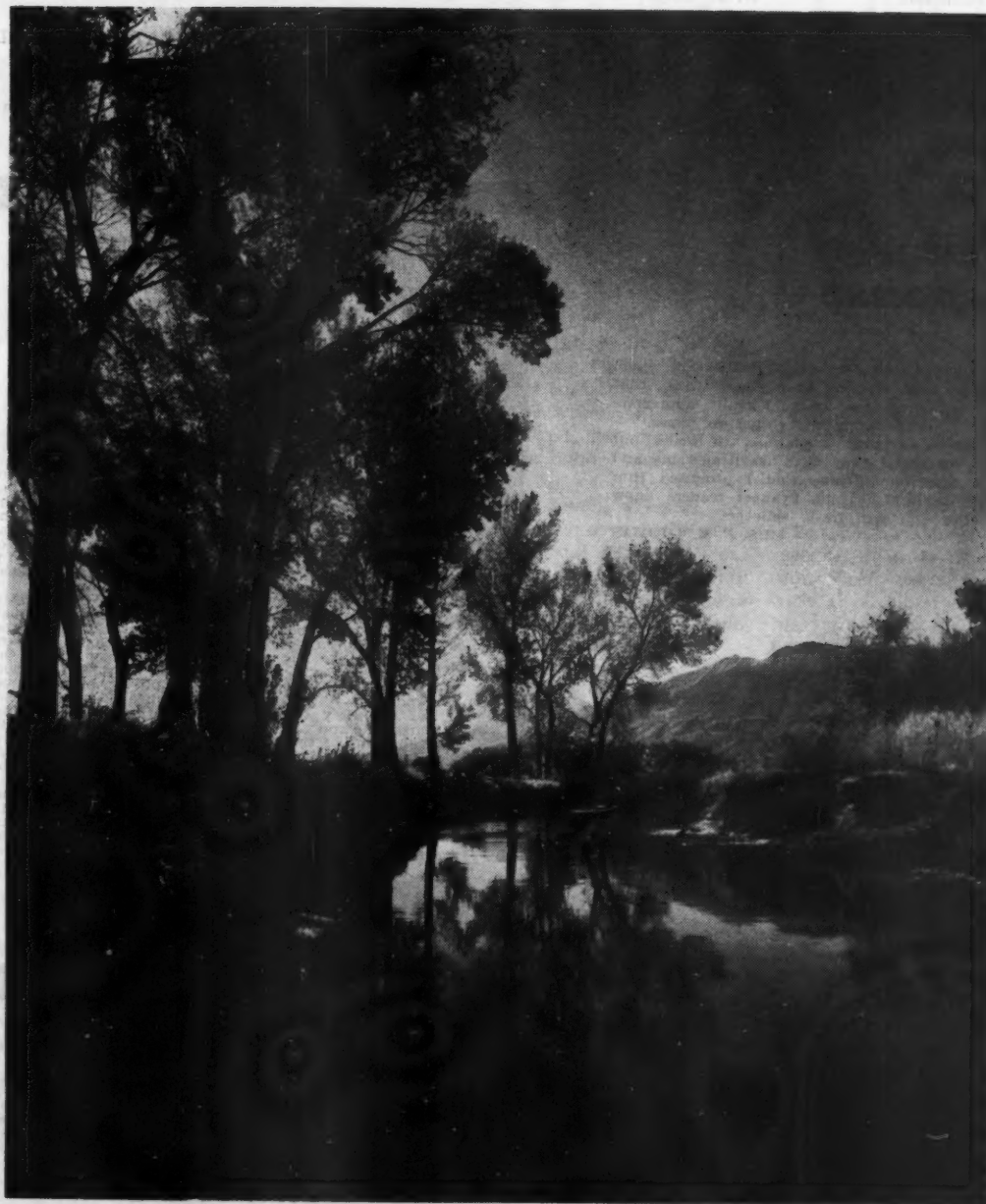


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If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



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ESAU WRESTLED with the beast and brought home venison; Jacob wrestled with angels and brought home glory. Of these two brothers, evidence is in favor of their opposite natures; howbeit, nothing is so contrasting as their two rewards. Esau gained favor with Isaac. Jacob gained favor with God. Obviously, prayer made the difference.

One does not have to be told that prayer is the most discussed, yet least enacted subject in the entire frame of human knowledge—observance is enough. The foregoing citation of Jacob and Esau is often discussed, not to mention every other example of prayer in the Bible. Even in popular magazines, prayer has made frequent appearances. Orators, philosophers, scientists, and psychologists speak of its influence, and often propose a formula for its effective use. No little mention of the subject appears in the church bulletin or Sunday School and Y.P.E. discussion; however, even here it seldom is seen at work. The revival needed today in our nation, our church, and in our hearts is the business of prayer.

Many desire the title of a fervent prayer warrior; yet few are willing to pay the price. One who is capable of diagnosing the case but incapable of administering aid is a useless physician. Likewise a worthless church member is one who knows the church's need, but does little to solve it. Christ once spoke to a man, pointing him to the route of eternal life, but "he went away sorrowfully, because he had great riches." Everyone is willing to admit the need of prayer and to acknowledge the nobility of being a prayer warrior, but "where is the group who will stand in the gap and make up the hedge?" Have such become history's captives and modern time's loss?

The need for prayer and prayer warriors is the expression of the preceding lines. The fact is, to gain spirituality we need to be preachers, laity, and voices given to much prayer. Thorough study of the subject means to arrive at a more comprehensive view of prayer's qualities.

Prayer, like money, is a medium

THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER

By Robert C. Dawkins

James 5:15-18

of exchange. While money is exchanged for physical necessities, so must we realize that there are spiritual needs for which only prayer can be exchanged. Too, money often represents labor and prayer represents no little toil itself. Man in prayer, like Jacob, wrestles, labors, and travails to crucify self. When this spiritual death evolves, then has the prayer warrior found depths, widths, and heights untold to the natural man, explainable only to the spiritual.

Any time anything has been brought from the hand of God, someone has been in his prayer closet. Of the great awakening which Charles Finney, Jonathan Edwards, and David Brainerd were a part, this element was true. Inasmuch that prayer is a cry from a hungry heart, people spiritually starved in this era turned to God. Pure and undefiled religion is knee religion.

Amid the simplicity of life in the old world, the hard toil of tending the ground, and short family gatherings, Enoch found time for frequent devotion. So profound did his love for fellowship and communion with God become until he had little time for anything else. The

short narrative of this mighty saint ends with, "and he was not, for God took him." Prayer had caused this translation. Then Paul catches the spirit of Enoch in Romans 12:2: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

To the physician a criterion in recognizing a disease is the symptom. Flesh that is unusually red with a pimply effect may draw the verdict of measles, while abnormal swelling around the jaws may be tagged as mumps. Likewise, to the believer prayer is the symptom of faith (Matthew 21:22). Bended knee shows belief in a higher power, that is, when one's heart, soul, and emotion are enveloped in the act.

Before any religious movement declined, the members stopped praying. Numbers became their business instead of prayer. That God is concerned about numbers, *righteous numbers*, is conspicuous in His Word. However, this dilemma of "get them in the church; then get them saved" has poisoned Christ's soul-winning institute. Pray them under conviction of the Spirit. Although this is old-fashioned, it is

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Report From the State of IOWA

By Grady L. Waters



Future Home of the Des Moines Church of God

IOWA CAMP MEETING Hickory Grove Camp, Ottumwa July 27-31

Wallace Swilley, Evangelist
H. D. Williams, Official Representative



Knoxville Church of God

HERE IN THE State of Iowa amidst the clanging din of modern machinery, the sound of the twentieth century farm equipment, and in the land where the tall corn grows, the Church of God little by little builds upward and onward under Jesus Christ as we separate the kernel of true religion from the husk of formality.

We realize that it is the spiritual vitality of a people who are willing to emphasize and trust in the power of the Holy Ghost that makes for real progress in every field of Christian endeavor.

The State of Iowa is classified as a missions state, as it is not strong enough to support a state administration. The state administration is supported largely by funds from our General Headquarters for which the people here in Iowa appreciate so very much. As the Church of God in Iowa builds upward and onward under the leadership of the Holy Ghost, which is a natural and expected thing, I feel the time will come when Iowa will not be classified as a missions

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AT THE TIME of this report, I will have completed three years of work in New York State. I can say it has been a time of great enjoyment.

Since the last Assembly we have been enjoying some great times of fellowship. This is especially true in profitable revivals, camp meetings, conventions, prayer conferences, and ministers' meetings.

We have not been able to start as many new churches as we would like to have, but we have all worked together to try to strengthen and build our now existing churches. In our efforts to do this, our ministers have preached 3,645 sermons, giving us an increase over last Assembly period, percentage wise, as follows: converts, 50 per cent; sanctified, 300 percent; Holy Ghost filled, 25 per cent; church membership, 30 per cent. For this we are thankful.

However, we are thankful for the one church organized this year. This was started in West Babylon, Long Island. Brother Ellsworth Moore, the present pastor, was responsible for this work. They are now fast becoming one of our busiest churches, carrying a complete program in every detail. They have a nicely furnished church building in a good location. They may use it, rent free, for as long as they desire. We have a good possibility of obtaining a deed to the property in the very near future. The electricity is even furnished in this building. Much has been done to improve the value and appearance of the building, and many souls are being saved there.

Presently we have three men in new towns looking for buildings in order to start new churches. These men plan to stay and pastor them.

Our state missions offerings have increased by more than 150 per cent, and our pledges for this year are far ahead of last. We are looking forward to another good increase in our missions giving.

C. E. Yates, Overseer of New York, began his ministry in 1944. He has served as State Sunday School and Youth Director of Iowa and Missouri. He has also been a member of the Orphanage Board. He pastored churches in Missouri and Tennessee before accepting his present position in 1957.

New York:

The Empire State

By C. E. Yates

All of our local churches have put forth a special effort to increase the value and the general appearance of their buildings, and they have done such a fine job of it. The Farmingdale, Long Island, and the Brooklyn, Bay Ridge Churches are doing major jobs. Farmingdale put all new ceiling, walls, floors, windows, recessed lighting, choir, automatic gas heating system, and are now getting ready to begin on the exterior of the building. Brooklyn has done a complete job of redecorating the interior and exterior of their church. Inside they have put in stained glass windows, new carpeting, pastor's study, and library. Outside they have repainted and put in new shrubbery. The yard work has earned for this church a new name in the neighborhood. In all, these churches are like new, and are so beautiful.

Fifth Avenue, New York City, has done extensive work to their building, including a new front of blonde building tile. Our other churches, even though they have not gone into major operations, have done much to beautify their buildings. The Glens Falls Church has bought another two lots adjoining their present property, which gives us one whole block, with the exception of one 50-foot lot.

Every church is blessed with a Ladies' Willing Workers' Band, and as usual, our reports would be smaller if it were not for the work of these ladies. They are so faithful,

and their work is not limited to raising funds for our churches, but they are visiting the sick, aged, and helping those who are in need.

Moving our state headquarters upstate from New York City has helped us considerably in our work and traveling. We purchased a nice two-story house in a good section of Glens Falls. We have remodeled it completely, with a new bath, kitchen, wall-to-wall carpeting, and a three-room office for the overseer and youth director. We have two full lots with a double garage. All of these things speak well for the church here.

Barbara E. Yates (daughter) is serving as state youth directress of our Sunday School and youth work, and these departments of the church are doing their part to strengthen and expand the work in the state. They show the following results:

Sunday School

Average attendance gain—35 per cent

Number of classes gain—20 per cent.

Teachers attendance gain—35 per cent.

Certified workers last Assembly, none; this year, 23.

No certificates were given out the two previous years, but in 1958-59, there were 34 awarded. Sunday School offering gain—50 per cent.

Home for Children offering gain—

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NEW YORK CAMP MEETING

Glens Falls

July 18-24

Earl P. Paulk, Official Representative

Maryland - Delaware - D. C. Moves Ahead

By E. M. Abbott

State Sunday School and Youth Director

MARYLAND HAS been called the land of pleasant living.

In this Free State, one can find the steep wooded slopes of the Alleghenies, the rolling hills and peaceful farm land, the flat, sandy soil and tangy, salty air of the eastern shore. Here, also, one can enjoy the tumbling streams of the mountains, the choppy waves of the Chesapeake Bay, or the pounding surf of the Atlantic. This is the land where oysters, crabs, and fish are bountiful. But here, too, much sin abounds. It was to this area that God sent Brother Ray H. Hughes three and one half years ago.

Although Maryland was one of the first states in the Church of God to secure its own campground, and though the original camp site was adequate at first, it became increasingly apparent through the years that a relocation of the campground was needed. The rapid growth of our church work in the central and western portions of the state necessitated a more centrally located campground, and the desire to have the state parsonage, then eighty-five miles from the old camp site, in a closer proximity to the campground. In essence, we needed an adequate and centrally located state headquarters.

Brother Hughes and the state councilors, after much prayerful searching, decided upon the present site. It soon became apparent that God had directed them. Strategically located halfway between Baltimore and Washington, D. C., on U.S. Highway 29, surrounded by more than three million people, the value of the land alone more than

tripled in less than two years after its purchase.

With one hundred dollars as down payment, the equity from the old campground and state parsonage, and tenacious courage and faith, work was begun on the present site. Thousands of man-hours were donated by ministers, laity, and friends. Plumbers, electricians, bricklayers, and carpenters all made tremendous sacrifices as they were led and inspired by the indomitable and untiring efforts of their state overseer, Ray H. Hughes. Truly this was a labor of blood, sweat, and tears.

As it now stands, the campground consists of the following:

STATE OVERSEER'S PARSONAGE—This is a brick, ranch style, seven-room home with two full baths, a beautiful stone faced fireplace, carport, and patio. Appropriate furnishings in the home are supplemented by wall-to-wall carpeting throughout the living room, dining room, and hallway.

STATE YOUTH DIRECTOR'S PARSONAGE—This is a five-room colonial home with stone and brick front and siding. It has hardwood floors throughout, excepting the kitchen, and ceramic tile bath. This home, too, is nicely furnished.



Youth Parsonage



State Office



Tabernacle



State Overseer's Parsonage

STATE OFFICE—This is a brick modern building with a state overseer's office, state director's office, secretary's office, reception room, storage room, and rest room. It has all new office furniture and is equipped with an electric typewriter, electric mimeograph machine, dictaphone, and all metal file cabinets. It is air conditioned for summer comfort, with forced-air, oil furnace heat.

TABERNACLE—This is all steel truss and roof with the front and back walls reinforced concrete block. Measuring eighty feet by one hundred twenty feet, it is one of the most beautiful tabernacles in the entire movement.

CAFETERIA—This is a forty foot by eighty foot concrete block building and is completely equipped with stainless steel cafeteria facilities. It has a walk-in icebox, double gas range, and restaurant-style formica top tables. One hundred twenty-five people may be seated comfortably at one time.

DORMITORIES—There are two modern, concrete block buildings with a total of twenty-two private rooms. These serve nicely as a boys' dorm and a girls' dorm during youth camp.

CONVENIENCES—A total of sixty plumbing fixtures are installed in four locations on the camp site. An estimated \$20,000 worth of plumbing has been done on the grounds, with all pipes being copper.

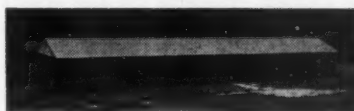
MISCELLANEOUS—Much of the wiring is underground. There is also a nice picnic shed, a basketball court, six horseshoe pits, and a softball diamond. The state overseer's home, the state youth director's home, and the state office are all equipped with aluminum storm windows and screens. The state parsonage and the state office lawns are enclosed in steel fencing donated by friends of the church. A large neon sign at the entrance provides continuous advertising for the Church of God. The southern boundary of the property borders the Middle Patuxent River, which provides a nice place



Cafeteria



Girls' Dormitory



Boys' Dormitory

for swimming during youth camps.

Building lots have already been surveyed by registered engineers and land surveyors and have been bought by private owners. Building restrictions have been drafted to insure a beautiful camp site in the years to come. All preferential roads on the campgrounds are black-topped. Located in the gently rolling wooded hills of Howard County, this provides not only an ideal camp site, but peaceful and beautiful living quarters for the state overseer, state youth director, and their families.

Although valued and appraised by Arundel Federal Loan Associa-

tion at more than one-quarter of a million dollars, the present indebtedness is only \$52,000. This miracle has been wrought by men who were unafraid to allow their lives to be directed by God in these last days. Already an influence has been exerted in this community the lasting good accomplished will not be revealed until we stand before His throne.

In the past three and a half years we have had seventy-one per cent increase in number of churches and forty-five per cent increase in membership. In fact, every department has made outstanding gains.

MARYLAND-DELAWARE-D. C. CAMP MEETING

Campground, Simpsonville, Maryland

July 18-24

Charles W. Conn, Bible Teacher

C. R. Spain, Evangelist

James A. Cross, Official Representative

The Work of the Church of God in Wisconsin and Minnesota

By W. J. (Bill) Brown

GOD HAS abundantly blessed the Church of God in these two beautiful states. These blessings have been both spiritual and temporal.

The reports since last Assembly through March of this year show 202 saved, 97 sanctified, 69 filled with the Holy Spirit, and 140 added to the church. The tithe record shows a twenty-six per cent increase over the same period of the previous Assembly term. The 1959 state convention missions and Home for Children offerings represented increases of sixteen per cent and thirty-one per cent respectively. For the third consecutive year, Wisconsin and Minnesota were prize winners in the national contest sponsored by the Church of God Publishing House. Last year they earned second place.

Two new churches have been organized: one at Wausau, Wisconsin, where the state headquarters is located, and the other at Jenkins, Minnesota. Both are doing fine and have been an inspiration to the work in general. Dorene Upton is the pastor at Wausau and Earl Schultze at Jenkins.

Presently Reverend Waitus H.

Starling from Sidney, Ohio, is in Duluth, Minnesota, ready to make an effort to begin a Sunday School as soon as a suitable building can be located. Prospects are also bright for a Sunday School at Madison, Wisconsin, the state capital.

With the help of General Headquarters, we bought a very nice church building in Wausau, the value of which is at least \$10,000. The Antigo, Wisconsin, Church has bought a parsonage in a nice residential area. Now only three churches in the two states do not have parsonages. Two lots have been purchased just across the street from the Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, Church where we hope to see a parsonage built as soon as conditions afford. Several of the churches have been extensively redecorated or remodeled

and furniture added to the parsonages. An acquaintance of Brother Manuel F. Campbell, pastor at Minneapolis, deeded forty acres of land between Minneapolis and Duluth to Brother Campbell, who in turn has deeded it to the church. This property could be developed into a campground at an opportune time.

We are very grateful for the evangelistic efforts which have been so wonderfully blessed of God. He has supplied our need for evangelists so that we have never been in want. The "Evangelistic Invasions" which started in 1957 with a team from Georgia, and in 1958 with two teams from Tennessee, have been of untold help to us. Last May (1959) the South Carolina Overseer, Brother B. E. Ellis, brought his State Sunday School and Youth Director, Thomas Grassano, and eight other preachers for ten meetings. In May, 1960, Brother Ray Hughes and the Maryland State Council sent a team of five ministers. They were E. M. Abbott, State Sunday School and Youth Director; D. L. Abbott, pastor, Federalsburg, Maryland; P. H. McSwain, pastor, Washington, D. C.; C. D. Coley, pastor, Cumberland, Maryland; and C. S. Culp, pastor, Joppa, Maryland. Altogether, this will make a total of thirty ministers who in the past four years have conducted thirty

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WISCONSIN-MINNESOTA CAMP MEETING

625 Bridge St., Wausau, Wisconsin

July 27-31

Charles W. Conn, Bible Teacher

Charles W. Conn, Evangelist

James A. Cross, Official Representative



State Youth Camp

W. J. (Bill) Brown, Overseer of Wisconsin and Minnesota, is a native of South Carolina. Since beginning his ministry in 1941, he has pastored churches in Illinois and Tennessee before going to his present post in 1956. He has served as a member of the Editorial and Publications Board since 1952.



Rev. Ray T. Hill

Report of

NEBRASKA

By Ray T. Hill

NEBRASKA, A midwestern state, is located almost exactly in the heart of the United States. It is bounded on the north by South Dakota, on the south by Colorado and Kansas, on the west by Wyoming, and on the east by Iowa and Missouri.

The basis of wealth in Nebraska depends largely upon agriculture and ranching. Also there are many thriving industrial sites in the major cities. The largest city, Omaha, has the world's largest livestock market. The population of the state is 1,325,510.

The Church of God had its beginning in Nebraska in 1933. Since that time the Lord has blessed and the church has grown to a state membership of 225, with a total of nine churches and one mission.

Since the last General Assembly in 1958, there has been a monthly average attendance in Sunday School of 577, and in Y.P.E. an average of 422. There has been an average of \$100 per month Sunday School offering and \$55 per month Y.P.E. offering. We have organized two Sunday Schools and three Y.P.E.'s. A total of \$457 has been raised for the Children's Home and a total of 1,681 coupons have been collected. This does not include this year's special Easter offerings and the offerings from two youth conventions yet to be held.

Since August, 1958, one church has been organized and one is still in the mission stage. The ministers have preached a total of 1,377 sermons; made 7,854 visits; had 108 souls saved, 29 sanctified, 8 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 11 baptized in water, and 47 added to the church. There has been over \$2,000 raised for foreign and district missions.

The state office has been furnished with a new desk and chair set, a metal filing cabinet, and a mimeograph machine with an illuminated drawing board.

There has been a total increase in property value of \$23,700 throughout the state, as much improvement has been made on local properties, and we have acquired two new church buildings.

A new church was recently set in order at Meadow Grove. The Executive Committee made it possi-

ble for us to purchase a beautiful church building which has adequate living quarters for the pastor. This property is valued in excess of \$4,000. This church is without a full-time pastor at present.

Under the direction of the pastor, Reverend James B. Morris, a new building has been erected in North Platte. This is a masonry building with a large auditorium, tile floor, fluorescent lighting, new furnace, two rest rooms, and a Sunday School room. There is an apartment in the rear consisting of one bedroom and a living room and kitchen combination. The lot for this building was purchased with a donation from the Y.W.E.A. and a loan from General Headquarters made the erection of the building possible.

A Sunday School and Y.P.E. have been organized in Grand Island and the Ladies' Willing



North Platte Church of God

Workers' Band is doing a good work. At present services are being held in the home of the pastor, Reverend Charles A. Reed. This work is still in the mission stage but we are in hopes of setting it in order soon.

The Hastings Church has been reopened by the pastor, Reverend G. H. Bradbury, who is doing a good work there. The church basement has been completely redecorated and provides comfortable living quarters. A new Y.P.E. has been organized and the church is growing.

East Omaha is completing the interior of the church auditorium and Sunday School rooms. They have sanded and varnished the platform, put up plaster-board and wainscoting, and have added new light fixtures and doors. The Sunday School is growing and all previous records have been broken with a new record attendance of 124. The pastor of this church, Reverend Gale A. Barnett, is also the State Sunday School and Youth Director. He is working hard at the job and the Lord is blessing him in his work according to our reports.

The new pastor at Fairbury is Reverend Alvin L. Creswell. Reverend Richard H. Wise is pastor of the Lincoln Church, which is growing.

We have a wonderful group of ministers in the state. The pastors and their clerks are very prompt with their monthly reports and the churches are up with their five per cent missions.

Nebraska is in need of four pastors and evangelists. If you would like to work in this beautiful state, we welcome you. Please contact the overseer.



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state, because all things are possible through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Since the last General Assembly we have had 161 saved in our churches, 57 sanctified, 46 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 81 added to the church. Our ministers have

visited 7,244 homes and have preached 2,794 sermons. The members of the Church of God in Iowa have paid \$32,589.25 in tithes. Our mission offerings last year averaged \$10 per member.

Four years ago this summer Iowa had her first youth camp and we have had the privilege of seeing our youth greatly blessed of the Lord in a marvelous way. In our youth camp services, there have been 65 saved, 34 sanctified, 24 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 46 added to the Church of God.

We praise the Lord for these lasting results and for vision gained by the ministers and laymen in Iowa.

Much property has been improved since the last General Assembly. The old church building in Muscatine has been sold and with the help of General Headquarters we have been able to purchase the Assembly of God building for the new home of the Church of God. It is in a very good location and just one block off Highway 61 in the city.

The church at Knoxville, where Orville M. Bell, Sr., is the pastor, has done an extensive remodeling job on their church amounting to \$4,500. The outside of the church is finished with a very beautiful rock veneer siding three fourth inches thick which looks like stone. A new addition to the front of the church contains the nursery and lobby. In addition to installing a new gas heating plant and an air cooler for the auditorium they have rewired the entire church building, re-ceiled the overhead, and painted and redecorated the interior of the church. Also they have remodeled the kitchen in the parsonage with knotty pine built-in cabinets.

The church at Perry has done a wonderful job in remodeling their parsonage attic by making two very nice bedrooms from it. They also added another room to the parsonage, relocated the bathroom, and painted and redecorated all the interior. The L.W.W.B. purchased new rugs, new gas stove, and a breakfast set for the parsonage. Brother Jess Phillips is the pastor.

The church at Davenport, where

O. J. Cloninger is the pastor, has made improvements in their church and parsonage during the last year. Also the L.W.W.B. purchased a new living room suite and a new bedroom suite for the parsonage.

With the help of General Headquarters, we have been able to purchase a very beautiful lot in Des Moines for the future home of the Church of God. Plans for the new church are now underway. The size of the lot is 133 feet by 168 feet and is located in a very beautiful section of the city at the corner of Douglas Avenue and East 29th Street just one block north, off Highway 6.

I have found it to be true that God's Word is not bound but will bring forth a harvest anywhere it is sown.

Sister Waters and I sincerely appreciate the faithful ministers, members, and fine friends of the Church of God in Iowa who have cooperated with us in making this progress for God and His Church.



NEW YORK

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Coupons doubled themselves many times over the last Assembly year.

All Sunday Schools were graded as Yellow Shields, but as of 1959, we have one Silver, three Red, four Blue, and two Yellow. This shows that our churches are gaining standard-wise as well as in numbers.

We have organized three new Y.P.E.'s. Besides this, we have one new scout troop, one Lamplighters Sparks, two Lamplighters Clubs, and one Youth Fellowship.

All of our Y.P.E.'s subscribe to at least two copies of the *Pilot*. New York State was the winner of the publications contest in their group. We have one Silver Shield Y.P.E., one Red, three Blue, and three Yellow Shields, compared to all yellow shields, last Assembly year. The Y.P.E. attendance and offerings have increased more than 45 per cent.

Our state youth office held a

youth rally April 1-3 in Brooklyn, Bay Ridge, New York. Brother Knight was present with us. It so far exceeded our expectations that we cannot help but mention it. The theme of the rally was "Like a Mighty Army," and the young people of the Empire State left feeling like they were a great and mighty army for God.

Eighty people registered, and this was not nearly all who attended; it was so crowded on Saturday night, we had to move the registration booth. Approximately 150 attended the Saturday night service. The band from the 116th Street Spanish Church favored us with wonderful music. God's blessings were felt so wonderfully, and we are beginning to see the results of our efforts.

We had a youth banquet in a nice restaurant, with forty in attendance.

We are very grateful for all accomplishments, but we realize that they have come about by concern and faithfulness on the part of a great dedicated ministry and laity.

New York is a great state and can be a stronghold for the Church of God.



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revivals made possible by the love, vision, and generosity of the churches, overseers, and councils of these four states. Without the experienced revival ministry of these thirty men, our evangelistic results would have been much less. The "Evangelistic Invasion" idea offers tremendous areas of usefulness and blessing both to the "mission" state and the sponsoring state.

Other ministers who have conducted successful revivals since last Assembly are: Paul T. Stover, Rome, Georgia; C. B. Donohue, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Evelyn Zingmark, Waukegan, Illinois; M. H. Kennedy, Jackson, Mississippi; W. C. Thurman, Bismark, North Dakota; Allan Gross, Wahpeton, North Dakota; Dorene Upton,

Wausau, Wisconsin; and the state overseer.

The national radio broadcast, "Forward in Faith," now carried on radio station WLS in Chicago, covers the southern half of Wisconsin. For seven months we had the program on a large Wausau, Wisconsin, station covering most of the northern half of Wisconsin. Brother Paul Yates, of Sanford, Florida, paid a great portion of the cost of this program. "Forward in Faith" has done much to better acquaint the people of this area with the Church of God and has also added much needed prestige.

Presently General Headquarters is sponsoring the broadcast in Minneapolis on radio station WMIN, with a coverage of several million people. In addition to this, Pastor Campbell has just advised that an individual is sponsoring "Forward in Faith" and a program by the pastor and local talent over a new FM station in the sister city of St. Paul. We praise the Lord because thousands are hearing about the Church of God message who have never known of it before.

Pictured with this report is the 1959 Wisconsin-Minnesota State Youth Camp group. The attendance was 127, including administration. Reverend Wayne S. Proctor, pastor, Summit Church, Chicago, Illinois, was the camp speaker. Thirty-five young people were saved. Twenty-two were baptized in an impressive lakeside service. The site of the camp is beautiful Lake Spencer, near Waupaca, Wisconsin.

To the pastors and the faithful workers in the churches goes the bulk of the credit for the gains which have been made, but to God be all the glory.



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more scriptural. The church is the body of praying saints, not mixed multitudes. Hitherto, when prayer stopped, faith stopped and decay began.

The inspired prayers of John Knox have need of re-occurrence.

One only has to listen to know they were a symptom of faith. Once, as the story goes, John was found buried in the snow, half frozen, but a passer-by heard this boiling prayer seep from the reformer's lips; "Lord, give me Scotland or I die." Such a prayer and such faith could only be possible through fellowship with God.

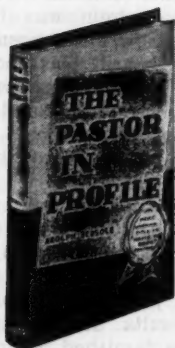
Exchanging time in prayer for communion with God is an expedient trade with the Christian. Too, prayer, the symptom of faith, is too infrequently practiced, inasmuch that the results are a starved church and a famished world.

"I pledge my allegiance to the United States of America," are the familiar dedicatory words spoken by most Americans. Fruits of true loyalty are the essence of these words; when felt and meant, they are of great value. Notwithstanding, prayer is an act of allegiance by which man shows his faithfulness to God.

Under the Persian law, in which life or death was the reward or punishment, people fearfully submitted to the potentate. But with Daniel, it was different. He chose to follow his holy tradition. In prayer he fervently pledged his allegiance to God rather than man. Likewise today, in similar circumstances, we choose either to be obedient to the "heavenly vision" or pledge our allegiance to something else.

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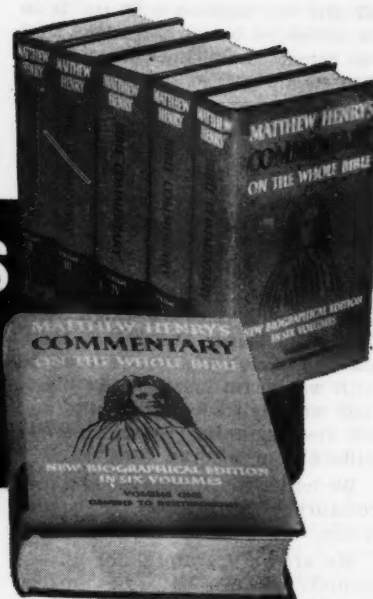
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McCULLOUGH



Mrs. O'Neil McCullough, age 36, passed away on March 2, 1960. Converted at the age of twelve, she lived a faithful and consistent Christian life.

No greater faith has been seen in our generation than that exemplified by Inez (Chambers) McCullough in her time of illness. Inez loved God and the work which He had called her to do; she loved life and made it a beautiful experience every day. She knew that God did all things well; and, feeling that she could still accomplish something for Him, she believed that He would heal her for His glory. He did heal her of all earthly pain and care when He took her home.

O'Neil and Inez spent nine of their twelve married years in foreign missions work. Those who stay at home will never know the burdens and heartaches that our missionary wives must help their husbands bear. But be assured of this, Inez had her share, and she bore them bravely. Today those sorrows mean nothing to her for she has cast them aside and is enjoying the pleasures of heaven! Those joys are multiplied by the souls she has led to the Lord.

For about a year Inez struggled

against the cancer that was eating away her life. When she came to the States for a short visit at home, she had a physical examination. After the cancer was found, she was operated on and given little or no chance to survive. Her many friends began praying, fasting and calling upon God. Many times they felt that she was healed. Yet, God in His great wisdom saw fit to call her on to be with Him. She left a glowing testimony and in her suffering was a most courageous Christian.

At times she complained of the brilliant light that seemed to blind her vision, although the room had been darkened by drawn shades.

A few hours before her going she quoted with O'Neil the words of the 23rd Psalm from verse four through the finish. On the closing line of the last verse she repeated four times the clause, "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Each time she placed stress upon certain words, repeated the word "FOREVER" twice and then closed the Psalm with, "Amen! Amen!" She expressed an awareness of the nearness of death and evidenced a joy and peace in Christ Jesus.

Once she said, "Jesus is coming after me." A moment later she said joyfully, "I am going now to be with the Lord." She clapped her hands. She sang and spoke in unknown tongues. She brought heaven nearer and made it richer when she slipped away to the other shore.

Inez leaves her husband, O'Neil; three children, Jimmy, O'Neil Jr., and Alfred; mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Chambers; and seven sisters as well as a host of friends around the world.

—Adapted from three sources

O'KEEFE

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Brother Frank O'Keefe, age 68, departed this life to be with the Lord on Easter Sunday morning, April 17, 1960.

Brother O'Keefe was a devout Christian for many years and loved the church very much. Until

his illness he was very active in church, Sunday School and Y.P.E. services. Even in his great illness his desire was to see the Church of God in Philadelphia grow. He fasted, prayed and attended even when his body was not able.

The funeral service was held at his home, and he was laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery to await the resurrection.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Mary O'Keefe, his daughter, Mrs. Mary Wachowski of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and a son, Mr. Frank O'Keefe, Jr. of St. Louis, Missouri. He has 4 granddaughters, one grandson, 4 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. He is missed much but our loss is heaven's gain.

—G. P. Hank, reporter

SWAILS

NEW BERRY, Fla.—On April 28 the Master of the vineyard spoke to a tired and weary pilgrim of the great Church of God and said, "My servant come home; your work is over. It is time for you to rest."

Sister John Swails had been in failing health for many months, and patiently awaited the call home. She served the church for over 26 years as a Sunday School teacher, evangelist and pastor. Having known Sister Swails since she was my Sunday School teacher in the Baptist church in Frostproof, Florida, I deemed it a great honor to participate with Brother A. V. Howell, pastor of the Orlando Church of God, in the conduction of the funeral service.

Her ministry began in the State of Florida and reached into several states. She was a pioneer minister in the States of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho in the mission days of the church. Sister Swails was working in West Virginia when she had to give up her active ministry because of failing health. She and her husband returned to her home town, New Berry, where she spent the remaining two years of her life. We sum it up by saying, "Another pilgrim has made it home; another good woman has been taken from our company; another soldier has stacked arms and the final victory has been won."

She leaves her husband, John Swails; one stepdaughter and 2 stepsons; 4 sisters and one brother; and 4 step-grandchildren. May the rich blessings of God rest upon these is our prayer.

In the ideal married life there are not two partners but three: you, your beloved, and God.—THE CHRISTIAN PARENT, Glen Ellyn, Illinois



Sunday School and Youth Promotional Meetings

I have attended many Sunday School and Youth conventions during the past twenty years of my ministry and, of course, I am very

observant of everything that goes on because I always attend with the hope of getting some idea that will help me to better arrange my Sunday School and youth work.

This convention was not one geared above the heads of our

workers and yet it was not just a repetition of things that we all have known for a long time. Instead it was filled with NEW THOUGHTS and IDEAS for our workers.

We had more people than could find seats in the auditorium until we set folding chairs in about every available place; when they went to the workshops, they were even standing in the halls. I have never seen this much interest in any Sunday School and youth convention in this area in the nine years that I have pastored the North Rome Church.

This convention was carried on in the same manner as the national conventions, except on a smaller scale. I believe we need to have these conventions every year and bring more ideas of promotion within the reach of all our workers.

As a pastor and district overseer, I want to thank Brother Polen,

Another Church of God Chaplain Commissioned



The St. Petersburg Bible Institute Chaplains' Seminary Division, St. Petersburg, Florida, just recently celebrated the commissioning of Rev. James N. Layne as Second Lieutenant (Staff Specialist) Chaplain's Branch of the U.S. Fifth Army, with headquarters in Chicago.

He was sworn in by Chaplain (Captain) Aubrey E. Smith (in uniform), who is director of the Institute's Chaplains' Seminary Course. He formerly served for six years as chaplain in the U.S. Army and is now assigned to a local Army Reserve unit. The unique feature of the occasion was that Chaplain Smith was the first chaplain to graduate from the Institute's Seminary Course, and is now back and was authorized to administer the oath.

Rev. Layne, a minister of the Church of God, held a pastorate for three years in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was State Youth Director of Washington and Oregon, and also served as Civil Air Patrol in the University of Minnesota Squadron. He graduates from the course in 1961.

The student at the far left is also taking the Chaplains' Course. He has received his commission as First Lieutenant in the Third U.S. Army, and is at present attending the Chaplain's Training Course at Ft. Slocum, after which he will return to complete the course at S.P.B.I. He graduates in 1960.

Dr. Charles M. Leaming (at the far right) is founder and president of St. Petersburg Bible Institute. He is a member of the Evangelical

Chaplains' Commission in Washington, D.C., and serves as secretary of the Commission.

The chaplain's service is indeed a high calling. He is pastor, evangelist, and missionary all in one. It is an appalling but true fact that a majority of the men who go into the services of our armed forces have no church affiliation and have never made a decision for Christ. For this reason, it is important that training be offered to qualify men to serve in the one capacity that can reach and win our service men to Christ.

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Brother Swilley, and also Brother W. H. Pratt who filled in for Brother Johnson, for their untiring efforts in preparing for and presenting to us all the fine things of this convention.

—Paul T. Stover
Pastor at North Rome

God Continues to Bless in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—I want to tell how the Lord is blessing us here in San Antonio. It is true that we have labored against adverse conditions. The struggle has been through many difficulties, but we are conquerors over all our foes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I would like to summarize some of the activities of our church. First, let me say that our group is small but we can see a steady increase in every department, for which we are thankful.

Our L.W.W.B. is hard at work and helping greatly in our church. They have bought a thirty gallon glass-lined heater for the parsonage, as well as two other heaters. They have bought roofing to cover one side of the church. They gave a nice missions offering for our district convention. They are meeting our \$30 per month payment on our new property. They also fry pies every Wednesday, which brought \$36 into the treasury last week. We surely appreciate our nice L.W.W.B.

Our Y.P.E. is not idle. They, too, are helping meet the needs of our church. They bought new upholstery to cover the parsonage living room furniture, gave a nice missions offering for our district convention, and paid our \$18.07 allotment on the state youth camp maintenance. This was raised through a contest by our Junior Y.P.E. The boy and girl who raised the most money were to be crowned king and queen.

The Y.P.E. has just closed another 2 weeks' contest in which they raised \$50 to purchase a bicycle for our missionary in Paraguay, Brother Alfredo Maluenda. We have changed our Y.P.E. service from 6:30 on Sunday evening to Wednesday evening. This move has proved a blessing. Our attendance has increased from a low of 21 to 42. Our record attendance is 48. We expect to break the record soon. Our Y.P.E. has splendid leadership. The services are very inspiring and uplifting to all who attend.

Our Sunday School is moving forward. We have reached 57 since being here. Our attendance was only 27 the first Sunday I was

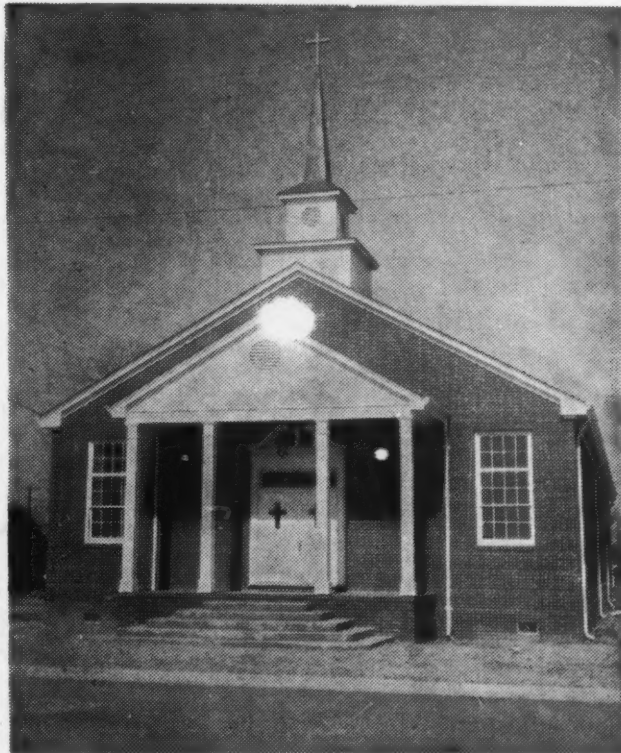
here. We praise God for the increase.

We are trying to get under way with our new church. The fight is hard, but we know that somehow God will help us. Our lots have been leveled and cleaned. We are proud of our property, as it is in the heart of a neighborhood. We have redecorated the interior of property up for sale, including the church and parsonage. We trust

by the time you read this article, we will already be in our new location.

Our church is growing spiritually. Every service is like a revival. Souls have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost recently. Above all, we praise God for the spiritual growth of the church. We are expecting God to do great things for us here in San Antonio.—W. E. Rodger, pastor

New Church Is Completed



ROCKY MOUNT, N.C.—South Rocky Mount Church of God has completed their new church under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. J. R. Easom. The interior of the beautiful brick structure consists of a nursery, pastor's study, furnace room, two beautiful tiled restrooms, baptistry, and the auditorium which will seat approximately 500 persons. It also has a complete heating and air-conditioning system.

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The new church was dedicated on February 7 with an all-day service and dinner on the ground. Rev. John L. Byrd, State Overseer, delivered a wonderful dedicatory message.

Following the dedication, Rev. W. C. Lambert of Lenoir started a revival for us which lasted 2 weeks. The church was greatly blessed by this revival for which we give God all the praise. There were 25 saved, 7 sanctified, 4 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 13 united with the church. There have already been 18 baptized in the new baptistry.

We can never express our gratefulness for what God has done for the Rocky Mount Church.

—Randolph Strickland, clerk

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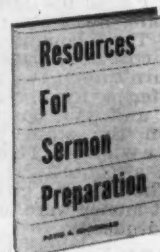
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